

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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2 A computer system having an OS program containing a product key, wherein the product key
3 information is automatically applied upon execution of a recovery program. In release of a computer
4 system of which an OS program is partially installed, the computer system has a hard disk drive
5 including a product key input program for writing a product key of the OS program in a CMOS
6 RAM, and a CD-ROM drive including a recovery program for recovering an OS program and
7 application programs to an initial state. When the computer system is first powered on, the
8 installation of the OS program continues, wherein the product key input program displays a screen
9 requesting the user to input the product key in a product key window. Thereafter the input product
10 key will be stored the CMOS RAM. Should a defect of the hard disk drive or critical error of the OS
11 program occur, the OS program may need be reinstalled or a recovery program may be run to recover
12 the initial states of the OS program and the application programs. The product key stored in the
13 CMOS RAM will be used during the recovery or re-install process, so that the user does not have
14 to manually input the product key again.